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## CHELSEA VETERANS VISIT THE KING AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.



Pensioners at Chelsea waiting to start for Buckingham Palace, where they were entertained by the King and Queen. Some of the aged warriors were so infirm that they had to be conveyed to the Palace in Red Cross carts and ambulance wagons.

## NEW MEMBERS OF THE TEST MATCH TEAM.



R. H. Spooner, the Lancashire batsman, who has a useful average for the season of over 37 runs, comes into a Test match team for the first time.



W. Brearley, the Lancashire fast bowler, who has already met with success against the Australians, is included in the place of Warren.



Some of the more active of the Chelsea veterans descending from their brake on arrival at Buckingham Palace. The King gave a personal welcome to many of the pensioners, and the Queen herself assisted in providing them with refreshments. Small wonder that the old men were all delighted with their Majesties' kindness.

## YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE COMMONS.



The Prime Minister's promised announcement of the decision of the Government with regard to Thursday night's sitting's adverse vote brought a full attendance to the House of Commons yesterday. Our photograph shows the arrival of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain.



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## MR. BALFOUR WILL NOT RESIGN.

But An Autumn Election Is Still Probable.

## PREMIER AT BAY.

Thursday's Vote No Ground for Dissolution.

## OPPOSITION ANGRY.

The Government will not resign. That was the burden of Mr. Balfour's eagerly-expected announcement in the House of Commons yesterday.

It is still probable that an appeal to the country will be made in October or November, but the inconvenience of an August election is averted.

The Premier does not consider the defeat of last Thursday night sufficient ground for resigning; he holds that he still possesses the confidence of the majority, and considers he is acting according to well-established precedent in holding to office.

The Opposition professed to be shocked and disappointed. Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, fearful of revealing the true strength of the Government in a pitched battle, withdrew Sir E. Grey's vote on the question of the Colonial Conference.

Then the adjournment was moved in order to allow of a long discussion on Mr. Balfour's decision.

## SCENE IN THE HOUSE.

Mr. Balfour Thinks It Would Be a Misfortune if He Resigned.

The House yesterday presented a memorable scene. Members overflowed into the side galleries. The Press Gallery as well as the passage leading to it was blocked with members of the Hereditary Chamber, Earl Spencer and the Archbishop of Canterbury, among many others, struggling in vain to get a sight of the scene.

The Chaplain had scarcely bowed his way backwards down the floor of the House before the whole Chamber buzzed with excitement.

All private Bills were "off," a swelling chorus of objections being raised as the titles were formally called.

In the midst of the hubbub "C.B.," smiling and portly as ever, entered the House perusing a telegram. A sharp cheer swept the long rows of the closely-packed Radicals.

Mr. John Redmond stepped into his seat unnoticed, but Mr. Walter Long, with a red rose in his button-hole, received a cheer from the Ministerialists, in which the Nationalists ironically joined.

In the flush of excitement the tall, slightly-drooping figure of the Prime Minister emerged from the shadow of the Speaker's Chair.

Cheer after cheer, triumphant, almost frantic, went up from the throngs of Ministerialists. Mr. Balfour was pale, but the colour came to his cheeks as he dropped into his seat and smilingly conversed with the Colonial Secretary and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who sat beside him.

Questions were rushed hurriedly through; and then Mr. Balfour rose to make his momentous statement.

### "STICKING TIGHT."

It was soon seen that he meant to "stick tight." "There is an idea," he said, "that the accepted constitutional usage is that, when the Government suffers defeat either in Supply or on any other subject, the proper course for his Majesty's Ministers is to resign or dissolve."

"The most superficial acquaintance with the Parliamentary history of the country since 1832 shows that not only was there no such principle, but in so far as principle can be extracted from practice, the practice is precisely of the opposite description."

The Prime Minister appealed to a large number of precedents to show that Governments have been many times defeated without resigning.

"The Administration of 1888," he said, "was defeated no less than nine times."

"In 1893 Mr. Gladstone's Government was defeated on a vote relating to the House of Lords."

"In 1894 Lord Rosebery's Administration was defeated on the Address."

"From a survey of these precedents I arrive at a general dictum that the only divisions which by themselves constitute an irrevocable sentence

upon the Government in power are votes which have the character of votes of censure.

"There may be circumstances apart from the confidence of the House which have induced the Government to resign. Disunion in the Cabinet brought about the resignation of Mr. Gladstone's Government in 1874."

"The present Government does not suffer from disunion." (Opposition cries of "Where's Ritchie?")

The Prime Minister then referred to the by-elections.

"Mr. Gladstone," he said, "never took into consideration whether or not the general current of public opinion was going against him."

"While not prepared to go the full length of Lord John Russell and Mr. Gladstone, I and my colleagues think that the present is not an occasion calling for resignation or dissolution."

"We have to look at the matter from the point of view of efficient administration. (Mocking Radical laughter.)"

"I am clearly of opinion that it would be a very great misfortune if a Government's tenure of office depended solely upon such votes as took place on Thursday last."

At the close of the Prime Minister's speech, which lasted an hour, a great deal of confusion followed as to the course to be pursued with regard to the discussion of the Government's decision.

Mr. Balfour tried to extract from the Opposition a pledge that to-day's discussion should exhaust criticism of the Government on this incident.

"I give notice," said the Premier, "that I will not give a day for the further discussion of the matter."

### THING OF "SHREDS AND PATCHES."

The Chief Government Whip (Sir Alexander Acland-Hood) moved the adjournment of the House, and the Ministerialists melted away to the Lobby.

"C.B." instantly rose. He discussed the action of the Government and the precedents cited by the Premier. "I maintain," he said, "that the Government is taking a wholly unconstitutional course."

At this the House rattled with conflicting cries.

In thunderous voice Mr. John Redmond declared that the continuance of the Government in power was the violation of the Constitution.

"We will give and take no quarter," he cried in menacing tones.

"We will fight this out on small matters as well as large, day and night, so long as this session lasts, and I believe if that spirit only animates the Opposition as a whole, they will make short work of this Government of shreds and patches!"

A hailstorm of cheers burst from the Irish benches.

Certainly, urged Mr. Redmond, at least Mr. Walter Long should resign.

So the debate went on. There was a certain amount of unreality in the discussion, for it was perfectly evident that a division would prove the Government's strength, and that Mr. Balfour having made up his mind, the Opposition could hardly affect the real position either one way or the other.

Mr. Asquith said a dissolution to the Government meant a sentence of electoral death.

Sir E. Grey contended that Mr. Balfour's colleagues and his colleagues no longer, and on him alone must rest the responsibility for the course. Mr. Balfour had for the last two years done grave wrong to the House and the country, and also damage to his own position and reputation.

Mr. Winston Churchill made a fiery speech which drew a denunciation from Mr. Balfour on the ground of its bad taste. He might, he said, have done every crime Mr. Lloyd George or Mr. Churchill could suggest, but that had nothing to do with the issue.

The motion for the adjournment was carried without a division, and the House adjourned at 7.20 p.m.

## INDIGNITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT.

In the Lords Lord Lansdowne made a statement similar to that of the Prime Minister in the Commons.

Lord Rosebery said no Government in the history of Parliament had undergone so much indignity as the present one. By their action in refusing to resign they were straining the spirit and structure of the Constitution.

## AN AUTUMN ELECTION.

Mr. Balfour Gives Assurances to the King of an Early Dissolution.

The opinion in the Lobby (writes the M.P. who represents the *Daily Mirror*) is that after Mr. Balfour's speech to-day he will make no official announcement about the date of the dissolution, but that in October or November he will ask for a fresh lease of the country's confidence.

I learn on very high authority that Mr. Balfour has himself given this assurance to his Majesty, and on this understanding his continuance in office at the present juncture has not been objected to.

In this connection the attitude of Mr. Chamberlain is not without interest, but it is openly stated that he also, as well as his Majesty, has obtained an assurance from Mr. Balfour that Parliament will not be prolonged beyond the end of the present year.

This is the price that Mr. Balfour is paying for his continuance in office for a few months longer.

## PREMIER AS CRYSTAL-GAZER.

What Mr. Balfour Saw in the Magic Ball.

Mr. Balfour's interest in mystic and occult phenomena is well known. It is also common knowledge that he plays golf.

It seems clear, therefore, that he must be the "Mr. Balfour" who is mentioned as a successful crystal-gazer in a book on the subject just published.

His experience is related in the introduction written by Mr. Andrew Lang.

Mr. Lang, possessing a magic crystal ball, lent it to "a Miss Balfour," whose brother gobs and is interested in psychical research.

Miss Balfour, in turn, lent the crystal to Mr. Balfour, who took it away into his study, and then came back, "looking perplexed," to say that he had seen in it someone he knew sitting under a lamp.

This someone was a Miss Grant, and when Mr. Balfour met her a few days later at a dance in Edinburgh he said, "On Sunday at five o'clock you were sitting under a standard lamp making tea."

A man in blue serge was beside you. His back was towards me. I saw the tip of his moustache."

Mr. Balfour also described the dress Miss Grant was wearing, one he had never seen her in before; and she admitted that it was all quite correct.

Both she and Mr. Balfour signed a full report of this marvellous occurrence.

Another time Mr. Balfour gazed at the crystal in Mr. Lang's study at St. Andrews, and saw in it a lady with a Persian cat. He had never seen either before, or even heard of them.

When he described them, they were at once recognised as Miss Goodrich-Freer, a well-known psychical researcher, and her white cat.

A leading member of the Opposition who was told these facts yesterday replied at once that Mr. Balfour must have seen himself in the crystal being defeated at a general election, and that was why he would not resign.

## EARTHQUAKE IN SCOTLAND.

Alarming and Amusing Results of Uncanny Visitation.

A large district of the south-east of Scotland, extending from the Ochil Hills to the Firth of Forth, was visited by an alarming earthquake on Sunday night.

One gentleman at Alloa had quite an exciting adventure. In the "last few hours" yesterday he sat down to supper. Suddenly there was a queer rumbling; the supper things jangled weirdly, a water-jug that seemed to be strangely agitated was hurled by some unseen hand from the table, and in a moment crockery and eatables were being flung in all directions. At first he thought that someone had played him some hideous joke, but the news of the earthquake relieved his mind of unkindly thoughts concerning the fustianousness of his friends.

All through the district chimneys have rattled with falling lime and soot, pictures have fallen from the walls, and, in one case, a policeman walking his rounds was thrown off his feet and sustained a serious shaking.

Earthquake shocks have been felt both in Eastern and Western Siberia. At Marunsk, in the Tomsk district, the disturbance was very severe.

## LOST HUSBAND AND CHILD.

Ex-Premier's Daughter Anxiously Seeking for Traces of Her Missing Relatives.

Mr. Roderick Knipe, a well-known Australian, has, with his seven-year-old daughter, mysteriously disappeared in London.

He was a Melbourne auctioneer and the captain of a local regiment there, but a few years ago he brought his wife and child with him and settled in England. Mrs. Knipe was also well-known in Melbourne, being the daughter of the Hon. James Service, who was at one time Premier of Victoria.

In March last Mrs. Knipe, with the consent of her husband, set out for a visit to Australia.

But since returning to London, a month ago, Mrs. Knipe has been unable to find any trace of husband or child. Mr. Knipe had become connected with a motor building firm in Bucklebury while his wife was away, but neither this firm nor the hotel in which he was staying a month ago have latterly seen anything of him or of his child.

## DIED FOR A WAGER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BERLIN, Monday.—A man employed by a member of the Deputy Chamber made a bet that he would consume in half an hour two quarts of brandy without sustaining harm.

He drank the amount. The next morning he was found dead in bed.

## KAISER AND TSAR.

Conference That Lasted for Two and a Half Hours.

## RIOTING IN RUSSIA.

The much-discussed and momentous meeting between the Kaiser and the Tsar took place on Sunday.

It is briefly announced in the following message from Reuter's St. Petersburg correspondent yesterday:—

The Pole Star and the Hohenzollern met in the Gulf of Finland yesterday afternoon. In the evening the German Emperor dined on the Russian Imperial yacht. To-day the Tsar will lunch on the Hohenzollern at 2 p.m., after which the monarchs will bid each other farewell. The Pole Star will accompany the Hohenzollern for some distance before returning to Peterhof this evening.

A further cable states that the first interview between the two monarchs lasted for over two and a half hours.

The "Novoe Vremya," which represents some of the best informed in St. Petersburg, attaches the very highest importance to the meeting.

"A personal exchange of views between the two Emperors," says the paper significantly, "may throw a clear light upon Germany's position in the Far Eastern imbroglio, which is taking a form none too desirable for Europe."

"It must not be forgotten," says the journal, "that the Emperor William was one of the first to point out the seriousness of the yellow peril, and if he is now paying a tribute of deference to Japan, who has succeeded in occupying a prominent place in the Far East, the interests of Germany herself scarcely allow her to remain an impassive spectator of the events that are being enacted on the shores of the Pacific Ocean."

## MOB RULE IN RUSSIA.

Nijni Novgorod at the Mercy of Hordes of Ruffians.

Rioting of a grave and apparently organised character has broken out in the city of Nijni Novgorod, which, states Reuter, is completely in the hands of thousands of ruffians.

Throughout Sunday afternoon there were scenes of wild tumult, and many have been killed and several hundreds injured.

One man, who endeavoured to appease the mob and restore order, was killed before the eyes of the Government.

Every decently-clad person seen in the streets is murderously attacked and pursued, in many cases the ruffians breaking into houses after their victims. Yesterday morning the disturbances continued. All business was paralysed, and the authorities remain helpless.

Nijni Novgorod is one of Russia's big "fair" centres. During the fairs its population numbers more than 300,000, and 6,000 shops are congregated in the Gostingi Dvor.

## FOURTH TEST MATCH.

First Day's Play Leaves England with a Marked Advantage.

England made a grand start in the fourth Test match at the Old Trafford ground yesterday, and at the close of play was practically safe from defeat.

Hayward and Spooner both did admirably, and when stumpers were drawn England had scored 362 for six wickets.

Australia can hardly win the rubber now, unless something extraordinary happens to-day, and the Manchester wicket is not likely to improve.

For details of the game see page 14.

## MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

Miss Katherine Pole, an actress, has become engaged to Mr. Goch, mayor of Johannesburg.

In disputes between Socialists and Republicans at Bilbao shots were fired, and one man was killed, twelve being wounded.

M. Jacques Lebaudy, the "Emperor" of the Sahara, has sent an ultimatum to the French Government complaining of his treatment by French Judges, and threatening reprisals.

Kicked over the heart by a horse he was trying to catch, Henry Titterton, wagoner, of Mappleton, near Ashbourne, died almost immediately. The watch he was wearing was smashed to pieces.

Whilst saying good-bye to one of the bluejackets attached to the torpedo flotilla which has been visiting Grimsby, a young woman fell into the dock, but the sailor plunged in and quickly rescued her.



## THE KING AMONG HIS VETERANS.

Their Majesties Talk with Some of Chelsea's "Old Guard."

### ROYAL GIFTS.

Four hundred of the old Chelsea veteran pensioners visited the King yesterday.

It was a great, never-to-be-forgotten day for the Chelsea Hospital, for never since the days of the Georges have the old soldiers been invited to Buckingham Palace.

The King's invitation included all those who were able to come. Those who could not by reason of their infirmities mount the brakes which conveyed them to the Palace, were taken in chairs, and one man went on a stretcher. Each man wore his red coat and medals.

The old men, who were in charge of Major Cameron, Major Organ, and twenty nurses, were formed up in three lines upon the Palace lawn.

#### Proud Veterans.

When the approach of the King was announced there was a curt order:

"Tenshun, salute!" Bent and bowed shoulders straightened themselves, old heads were proudly held erect and aged-dimmed eyes brightened.

His Majesty, with the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and other royalties passed slowly down the lines. At every fourth or fifth man the King stopped and spoke a few kindly words, asking after the veteran's infirmities, inquiring about his services, and leaving behind him a heart full of gratitude.

His Majesty singled out Private Warren, who was wearing a French decoration, and he was photographed alone.

There was a little speech, just a few gracious words of pleasure from his Majesty at seeing his old veterans and a wish for their comfort for the day.

#### Pipes from the King.

Lunch was served in a marquee on the lawn. There was everything to cheer old hearts at the heavy-laden tables, and more than all, beside each plate was a new pipe engraved "E.R." with the date, and a quarter of a pound of tobacco.

It was apparently a small thing for the King to do, but four hundred old men, whose lives are nearly over, will never forget yesterday.

As one old colour-sergeant, who had been through the Mutiny, said last night: "Old as we are, after to-day's ceremony, may I never proudly go out and fight if the King called him."

### CROSS-CHANNEL SWIM.

First of the Champions Starting for Calais This Morning.

Swimmers who will attempt to beat Captain Webb's record are again engaging the attention of all at Dover.

Miss Kellerman, who is very hopeful after her splendid effort on Saturday, had a long practice swim in the Channel yesterday.

All the arrangements were completed last night for the cross-Channel swim on which Mr. Edward Heaton, of Liverpool, was to start in the early hours of this morning.

Mr. Heaton was out for a long walk and land exercises yesterday.

He is a powerfully-built man of about fourteen stone weight, and thirty-two years of age. He has a good turn of speed, and all who have seen him swim are favourably impressed with his prospects of carrying out the big task.

The weather conditions are entirely favourable, and there appears every prospect of this continuing. Heaton hopes to get across in about fourteen hours. Mr. T. Burgess, the Yorkshireman, will probably postpone his start until to-morrow or Thursday.

### NEW GOVERNOR OF "GIB."

General Sir Frederick Forester Walker, K.C.B., has been appointed to succeed Sir George White as Governor of Gibraltar.

He was in charge of the line of communications during the South African war.

### ONE GLADSTONE, SEVEN BRIGHTS.

Letters of famous politicians were sold cheaply at Sotheby's yesterday.

One of John Bright's only fetched a shilling, one of Gladstone's 7s., and one of Lord Rosebery's 3s. A two-page missive from Sir Thomas Gresham, founder of the Royal Exchange, was knocked down for 43s.

Mr. A. P. Head, M.L.C.E., of Westminster, who was killed in the disaster to the Chicago Limited Express at Mentor, Ohio, on June 22 last, left estate of the gross value of £24,172.

## INDIGNANT BARMAIDS.

Deny Charges of Flirting, and Complain of Persecution.

Railway-station barmaids complain bitterly of the accusation, made by the Rev. S. Chadwick at the Wesleyan Conference at Bristol, that they flirt with young men across the bar instead of attending to the customers.

"Why do the ministers persist in interfering?" asked one girl. "No amount of good they ever do will atone for the misery created at Glasgow by the dismissal of our sisters from the bars."

The *Daily Mirror* made inquiries yesterday at the headquarters of the leading railway companies, and was informed that whenever a complaint is made the strictest investigation always follows, and the culprit is summarily dealt with.

"By far the larger proportion of our barmaids are drawn from the families of our employees and officials." This proved to be the case with almost all the companies.

Spies and Pond stated that their barmaids are generally recommended by clergymen.

### CHAPLAINS' ECONOMIES.

Ministers Who Travel "Second" and Draw "First" Expenses Exonerated from Blame.

Protest was made at the Wesleyan Conference yesterday because Wesleyan chaplains to the Indian Army, who receive a Government allowance for railway travelling by first-class travel service for the surplus for the furtherance of their work.

The complaining minister declared that his conscience could no longer tolerate their receiving first-class fares.

It was, however, explained that in correspondence the Indian Government had stated it "was not concerned with the use made by officers of their railway allowances."

A resolution was passed expressing confidence in the chaplains, whose economies had not been for their own profit.

### ANOTHER CHARGE ON RATES.

In Spite of Crowded Steamboats, the L.C.C. Service Fails To Pay.

In spite of the crowds that flocked to the river the L.C.C. steamboat service has been run at a loss for the first four weeks.

According to the figures given out yesterday by the secretary of the Rivers Committee of the L.C.C. the estimated annual expense of the thirty steamboats was £98,000. The expenditure for the first four weeks would be estimated at about £27,612, while the income for that time has been only £27,450.

The deficit shown by these figures comes in the heart of the busiest season. More people are probably taking advantage of the steamboats at this time than any other season of the year.

Among other reasons that may be given for the service having failed to pay two should be remedied without delay.

The irregularity of the boats has doubtless kept many business people from using them, and hundreds of pleasure-seekers have been driven away by their inability to buy tickets. The one little window on each pier is altogether unable to supply tickets quickly enough.

### GRAMOPHONE PRECOCITY.

Physician Predicts a Generation Purlblind and Spectacled.

At the above congress Professor Kenwood, M.D., observed that "book-learned children are about as intellectual as gramophones. To certain questions they can give answers which have been previously drilled into them. So can the gramophone. They are not taught to think for themselves in regard to matters of health. They work in a bad light which would in time even good eyes."

"If this goes on," said Sir James Crichton Browne, "in two generations half the population will be blind, the other half wearing spectacles."

### SANITARY OATH.

The Recorder, at the Old Bailey yesterday, remarked to a doctor who took the oath in the Scotch form with uplifted arm: "It is a much more sanitary and a much more solemn oath than our oath, and in my opinion it ought to be made universal."

### TO RAISE MONEY FOR HER HUSBAND.

Upon being rescued from the Thames after trying to drown herself, Mrs. Emily Pound said her husband wanted her life insurance money.

The Recorder, at the sessions, released her on the promise of the husband to look after her.

## ABOLISH TROUSERS.

Colonel's Startling Proposals in Matter of Dress Reform.

### CLOTHES TOO TIGHT.

For years it seems we have clothed ourselves on an entirely wrong principle. We have worn garments tight where they should be loose, and loose where they ought to be close-fitting.

This, at least, is the opinion of Colonel Fox, of the Board of Education, who yesterday, at the Public Health Congress, suggested some rather startling changes in the matter of attire.

"Don't wear waistcoats" was the first of these, "but a fisherman's jersey instead—and for goodness sake let us discard all tight-buttoned coats or tunics and have a loose jacket."

"Discard your trousers" was the next startling suggestion. It made his audience gasp. They were relieved to find that the speaker had an alternative for these garments, usually considered so necessary, in the shape of loose pantaloons buttoned at the ankle, and ankle gaiters.

"Away with caps," his last idea, formed a fitting prelude to a piece of advice not perhaps entirely new—get your hair cut. "See that your heads are always neatly trimmed—no hooligan fringe over the forehead, no tagrag and bobtail about the ears and neck."

It must be explained that the lecturer was suggesting these reforms primarily for boys. But that was probably because he considered a tilt at men's fashions a useless expenditure of breath.

### NEW FASHIONS AT WEDDINGS.

Bridesmaids with Long Black Sticks and Separate Cakes for Bridesgrooms.

This season has seen several somewhat striking innovations at weddings.

When Mr. Alfred Yorke was married to Miss Gladys Best on Saturday there were two novelties. The bridesmaids carried long sticks to which bunches of crimson roses were tied, and these sticks flew in face of superstition, for they were all black, a colour hardly ever seen at weddings.

Then the bridegroom's gifts were coral necklaces—a gift quite out of the common. Recently a bridegroom at a fashionable wedding discarded the orthodox frockcoat for an ordinary morning coat, and several have worn grey frockcoats.

Another bridegroom let each of the bridesmaids choose a gift for herself instead of giving all alike, and at another big wedding the music of the service was printed with the words and handed to the guests.

One happy couple with many friends had two wedding-cakes, the bride cutting one and the groom the other.

### MRS. PREVOST'S ORDEAL.

Attempted to Poison Herself Because Counsel was Caustic at Her Expense.

Counsel's caustic remarks in her breach of promise suit, before Mr. Justice Darling, caused Mrs. Prevost to attempt suicide.

Such was substantially her statement to the Westminster magistrate, before whom she appeared yesterday, charged with attempting to take her life. Upon returning after the verdict to her apartments in Chelsea, she locked herself in the room, and was seen by her landlady, through an open window, to be drinking from a bottle.

She recovered at St. George's Hospital from the effects of poison consumed.

Having promised not to renew the attempt, Mrs. Prevost was allowed to leave the court with her Yorkshire relatives.

### BOY BATHER'S ESCAPE.

Two constables spent upwards of an hour in chasing John Smith, a Hoxton flower-seller, who had defied the law by bathing in the Regent's Canal.

Smith swam from side to side, and boasted at North London yesterday that he gave himself up. He was fined 1s. or one day.

### SUNDAY'S BETTER OBSERVANCE.

Writing in support of the lay movement for the better observance of Sunday as a day of worship and rest, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach says:—A tendency has grown up among persons of leisure to treat Sunday as a day for mere social amusement, with the result that their servants, and many other persons, are unnecessarily deprived of their weekly rest.

## IMPROVING THE WALTZ.

Dancing Teachers Anxious to Introduce New Methods

Because English dancing does not occupy the prominent position it deserves, a number of ladies and gentlemen are meeting at the Hotel Cecil this week in a serious endeavour to raise its standard.

They are the members of the Imperial Society of Dancing Teachers, and are holding their first annual congress, which will last for five days.

The experts hope for the revival of the old quadrilles, or square dances. The lancers, they say, are danced in various ways, but as a result of this conference it is hoped that some standard will be decided upon so that international dancers will feel at home with each other.

An attempt will be made to add grace to the waltzing. A sylph-like gliding motion will be advocated, while the modern two-step in its strenuous form may be modified. What will happen to the waltzers who spin round till they are dizzy is a matter for conjecture, but it is hinted that this mode of dancing may be tabooed.

One member of the congress has had the honour of teaching the bride of the German Crown-Prince. The president is Mr. Crompton, of Lincoln, and the vice-president Mr. Taylor, of Leeds. The congress desires that the questions be treated very seriously. Recently a contemporary poked a little fun at their efforts, and accordingly they desire no publicity save of the most serious description.

"English dancing," said one gentleman solemnly yesterday, "is in the gutter. We hope to elevate it from this undesirable position."

### PROWLING SWINDLERS.

American Visitors Defrauded by Fellow-Countrymen in the Strand.

American tourists in this country are being heavily victimised by swindlers known as "Dead-beats" from the United States. The Strand and Piccadilly are the principal scenes of these frauds.

A prosperous looking visitor from the United States cannot walk out without being accosted by half a dozen of his compatriots, who claim to be out of money.

One of the most interesting of the American swindlers is a negro, who trots along beside the credulous American passers-by and asks for anything from a steamer passage to the Southern States to a sixpence for a "long drink."

A youth in the British Museum district informs his victims that he came to Europe with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.

But the most daring of the "Dead-beats" asks the kind-hearted tourist to believe that he is a Rhodes Scholar who has over-spent his allowance and is waiting for fresh returns from the scholarship fund.

### BURGLARY EPIDEMIC.

Expert Rogues Receive Sharp Sentences from the Common Serjeant.

"I congratulate you," said Charles Lawrence to the officer disguised as a navy who caught him with Charles Curley and Thomas Wood completing a large city burglary.

Silk nightdresses formed a large part of the haul for which all were indicted yesterday.

Their burglary outfits were replete, and twelve hauls had taken place in the neighbourhood.

Wood four years and Curley and Lawrence three years each were the sentences by the Common Serjeant.

Week-end burglaries include the City-road, the Haymarket, and many places in the East and West Ends of London.

### BOON TO MOTORISTS.

American Device to Prevent Explosion of Petrol Tanks.

NEW YORK, Monday.—A successful test was made last night of a contrivance designed to render naphtha, gasoline, an odorous similar liquids in tanks non-explosive.

The invention consists of tubes containing a safety valve, which permits gas to escape, thus preventing an explosion, whereas, in the ordinary tank, where the pressure of gas is great, something must give way, and an explosion follows.

It is expected that the device will be of great value as a motor-car attachment.—Laffan.

### LONDON'S SUPERIOR POLICE.

NEW YORK, Monday.—Police-inspector O'Brien is leaving for Europe to study the police conditions and systems of regulating street traffic in various countries, with special attention to London's methods, which are conceded to be superior to New York's.—Laffan.



## CRIPPLES' MOTOR PICNIC.

Happy Day in the Forest for a Host of Little Sufferers.

### CHILDISH WITTICISMS.

From the poorest districts of Bermondsey, Hackney, Haxton, Clerkenwell, and Bethnal Green 300 crippled mites were conveyed by motor-cars and brakes for a picnic in Epping Forest yesterday.

The original idea had been to convey the whole 300 by motor-cars, but the Brighton meeting came just before the date fixed for the picnic, and many who would gladly have lent their cars were unable to do so, as they had not yet returned to London.

However, none of the poor little maimed children were disappointed, for those who did not motor down from town were given a long ride during the afternoon.

The scene at Epping was a strange mixture of jollity and pathos, of luxury and poverty. Here by the roadside stood some twenty luxuriously upholstered cars, some lent by well-known makers, others by private individuals—cars worth anything from £350 to £1,000 each.

Grouped round and seated in these latest hobbies of the wealthy were scores of maimed and crippled children, clean, indeed, but threadbare and with every mark of poverty and suffering.

### Defeat of Misery.

Here were some poor little children unable even to walk. "There some little mites hobbling along on crutches or wearing unsightly iron bands."

But look at their faces, in spite of misery and suffering, in spite of lifelong disfigurement, there is enjoyment and happiness beaming forth.

Many knew all about the Gordon-Bennett race.

"Are we going as fast as they did in the race?" they kept asking the chauffeurs as they were bowled along down to Epping.

"Oh, shewfor, I've forgotten me goggles. We must turn back," cried another merry-faced urchin, who will never have the use of his limbs in this world.

It was pure ecstasy; never had they imagined such a thing, "riding in motor-cars like lords and ladies, and even like the King himself."

### Awestruck by Forest.

Though it was their first ride in a motor-car none of them were in the least frightened, yet when they arrived at Epping all were fearful of the mysterious forest and preferred to wander along the roads to penetrating the unknown recesses of the woods.

At ten each of the little visitors was given a bunch of flowers, some sweets, and a toy to carry back with them as a memento of their first motor-car ride.

"But not their last," said Mr. Edvard Kenaley, who was the principal promoter of this excellent outing, "for this is to be an annual treat, and next year we shall have a hundred cars if we want them. Everyone is willing to lend for so good an object."

## AMERICAN HUSTLERS.

Lawn Tennis Champions Mean to Combine Business with Sport.

After their splendid struggle against the English lawn tennis champions, Messrs. Beals Wright and Holcombe Ward, the American players, were asked for their impressions of England.

"We've been playing tennis from the moment we landed, and have hardly seen anything but Wimbledon Common and the white lines of a tennis court," was the reply of Mr. Ward. "We dreamt tennis-courts," added Mr. Wright; "I am looking forward to the time when I shall see the earth again!"

When questioned, the Americans expressed surprise at the little amount of hospitality that has been shown them. Englishmen play with them, watch them, and then leave them to their own devices.

"When the Dohertys were over on our side," they explained, "people fought as to who should ask them out to dinner."

Both players, beside being tennis champions, are business men, and they mean to look after business here now tennis is over.

Mr. Ward is keenly interested in the woollen cloth trade, and now he intends to introduce one "special and unapproachable" line to the notice of the British consumer.

Beals Wright travels for his father, who is an athletic outfitter in a large way of business. Both Ward and Wright are University men as well.

### LIFE'S GOOD RECORD WASTED.

"I appeal strongly for mercy," said a solicitor on behalf of George Collier, confidential clerk, charged with embezzlement at Windsor.

Collier had passed from office boy to chief clerk in eighteen years. He was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

## CHILD HOUSEBREAKERS.

Small Boys Whose Campaign of Criminal Adventure Was Nipped in the Bud.

When the police are puzzled by housebreaking offences which are ultimately traced to boys ranging from eight to fifteen, sociologists may well begin to discuss the question of the deterioration but increasing cunning of the race.

London and Glasgow have just afforded two remarkable instances of this baneful precocity.

Herbert Ralph, aged eight, and his brother, Leo, three years older—neatly dressed and bright for their years—were at Bow-street yesterday. They went to the L.C.C. depot beneath Charing Cross Railway Bridge and, because of their size, were unable to creep through the windows, which had been smashed.

When discovered by a constable they explained that they went into the building because older boys had told them they would find bread and butter there.

For Leo the magistrate ordered four strokes of the birch-rod. His little brother he discharged.

### Three Boy "Crib-Crackers."

More serious allegations were made yesterday at one of the Glasgow police courts, when three boys, the youngest thirteen and the eldest fifteen, were charged with burglary.

The youths, said Detective Dalrymple, had run away from home and had been living together during the past month. The youngest boy was so small and thin that he was able to get between the iron stanchions of back windows, and in this way they had entered a number of shops, perpetrating what at the time had been considered mysterious and clever burglaries.

Two of them were sent to a reformatory at Paisley for four years. In view of the fact that the parents of the other prisoner were going to Canada and taking him with them, he was given the benefit of the First Offenders Act.

To be kept in custody till the next sessions was the order made by the Recorder at the Old Bailey yesterday regarding Frederick Thompson, fifteen years old, convicted of stealing two letters from Hutton Garden.

## RACING MAN'S WILL.

Prominent Owner's £200,000 Estate Likely To Be the Cause of Great Legal Duel.

Sir Gorell Barnes, in the Probate Division yesterday, granted leave to appoint Mr. Denny as the administrator and receiver—pending certain disputes—of the estate of the late Mr. William Mackay Low, the well-known racehorse-owner, who died last month, leaving estate to the value of £200,000.

Mr. Murphy explained that there was a serious dispute as to a codicil, by which the widow suffered in favour of another lady.

Sir Gorell Barnes: He sold a racehorse a few days before his death.

Mr. Murphy: The contest is on the ground of undue influence.

Mr. Fritchard said that there was an estate at Wellesbourne, Warwick, which would have to be managed. On the estate was a collection of valuable orchids. There was £2,000 for the price of a horse sold just before the death, which had not been paid by Messrs. Weatherby yet, and which had to be received, and there were the stakes which Mr. Low won with a horse which secured the Chester Cup this year, as well as other properties.

## THE LAW DELAYED.

Recorder Refuses to Grant Lord Rossmore Further Grace.

Lord Rossmore's request to have his libel case against James Alexander O'Sullivan deferred for two months has been refused by the Old Bailey Recorder.

Twice was the action adjourned for prisoner's convenience. Yesterday Lord Rossmore pleaded inability to attend in London.

But defending counsel suggested that parliamentary duties demanded Lord Rossmore's presence in London.

"My lord," said Mr. Bodkin, "the divisions are not so acute in the House of Lords." (Loud laughter.)

The Recorder fixed Friday as the day for the hearing unless good reasons for further delay could be adduced.

## CLERGYMAN HANGS HIMSELF.

After holding curacies in Lincolnshire and Edmonton, and livings at Brighton and Hove, the Rev. William Graham Keeling hanged himself before the door of an Eastbourne hotel.

He was an M.A. of Oxford, and had a brilliant record.

The clothes and bicycle of the Rev. H. R. Moule, of Bozcat, Northants, have been found at Ely, by the river, which is being dragged for his body.

## COTTAGE COLONY.

Garden City's Devices to Attract the Workers of London.

### SERIOUS DRAWBACKS.

If it were not for several rather important drawbacks, the exhibition of cheap cottages which the Duke of Devonshire opens at Letchworth to-day would be most fascinating.

The first drawback is the journey there. There is a station at Letchworth, but trains are very few and far between. Failing one of these, Letchworth is several miles of dusty road from Hitchin, and one of the hills would serve for a "hill-climbing competition."

The second drawback is that the exhibition is scattered more or less over the countryside. "Over there, on that hill," you are told, "is the octagonal cottage," and you tramp what seems to be further miles to find an incomplete structure.

### A "Builders'" Display.

There is yet another disadvantage. There are cottages, but there are more buildings which are not cottages yet. In fact, at present the exhibition looks more like a builders' display than one of residences ready for occupation. Pools of mortar and piles of bricks and tiles are by far the commonest exhibits.

Yesterday afternoon a troubled exhibitor of cooking-stoves was anxiously inquiring where he was to display his wares, and was informed that the matter was not settled, but he would "probably be in No. 4." He departed, accordingly, to seek out his allotment, but his look was not hopeful.

There are several classes of exhibits, but the main idea is of a single detached cottage, with a specified amount of accommodation, to cost not more than £150. There must be a living room, scullery, or kitchen-scullery, and three bedrooms, two of them with fireplaces, and the minimum height and cubic space is also fixed.

### Plenty of Variety.

When you have faced the getting there and other drawbacks, such of the cottages as are far enough advanced for inspection are really astonishing. They are built of all sorts of things and in many ways. You can have your cottage with solid walls, made in small pieces, or large slabs.

The most imposing of all is a two-storied stone mansion with a large verandah. The "stones" are really concrete cast in a mould, and the fact that they are hollow is not a disadvantage but the reverse. As for the accommodation, it is as complete as the outside promises.

There is a living room, a kitchen, a scullery, a fully-fitted bathroom, a larder, a hall, and a good staircase, three bedrooms, 12ft. by 10ft., 10ft. by 12ft., and 10ft. by 12ft.

The other houses are built with cement pasted on to "expanded metal," a production not unlike wire netting, and others of wood, to which sheets of special materials with varying names are nailed.

## PUSHED INTO SAFETY.

Dramatic Rescue of Terrified Man and Woman by Brave Firemen.

Wringing their hands in wild despair, Mr. and Mrs. Wenbridge stood at two separate windows above a shop in Great Dover-street, Southwark, yesterday.

Flames were fast eating their way upwards; firemen worked desperately below. Crowds watched and wondered.

Too frightened to understand the meaning of the sheet, the figures at the windows appeared almost transfixed.

Running up an escape, a fireman reached the woman and carried her below. The man stood where he was.

Finally a fireman pushed him out of a window and he fell into the sheet. He was burned, and had to be taken to Guy's Hospital in a motor-car.

## BOYS WHO LIKE WORK.

Juvenile assistants in barbers' shops, examined yesterday in connection with the Home Office inquiry into the London County Council proposals for regulating child labour, declared they preferred the work to being idle.

They stated that the money earned enabled them to buy clothes and help their parents, and they denied that betting went on where they were employed.

## WOMEN'S SECRET LOANS.

Judge Addison, K.C., at the Southwark County Court yesterday, warmly addressed two married women who had borrowed money one from the other without their husbands' knowledge, and had admittedly deceived their husbands.

His Honour remarked that it was a shocking system, which, unfortunately, was growing, and no judge in the country ought in such circumstances to make the husbands liable.

## MONOPOLY IN PERIL.

Bookstall Rights on Two Great Railways Thrown Open to Competition.

A railway bookstall under any other name than that of W. H. Smith and Son would appear strange to English eyes, yet on two of the biggest railway systems in the land Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son's monopoly is now being threatened.

Bookstall and advertising privileges on the London and North-Western and Great Western Railways have now been thrown open to tender, and unless the present holders succeed in retaining their monopoly the country will witness a business transfer of "record" size.

The magnitude of the business involved may be judged from the fact that one firm's tender to each railway company is said to be close on a million pounds sterling.

In England there are practically only two bookstall firms—Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son, whose monopoly extends over every railway, with the exception of the Central London and the Metropolitan lines, and Messrs. Willing and Co. Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son own 1,350 bookstalls, including the sub-bookstalls; and Messrs. Willing and Co. have sixty-eight.

In reply to the *Daily Mirror's* question whether any possible change on the L. and N.W.R. and G.W.R. might foreshadow a reduction in the price of magazines and books, Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son replied:

"There is not much chance of that. The price paid for the bookstalls to the railway companies makes 3d. in the 1s. discount impossible."

Tenders are for a period of ten years at the 625 stations on the L. and N.W.R., and on the G.W.R. there are 1,150 stations and some 220 bookstalls to be arranged for.

The contractors must agree to erect bookstalls, provide sufficient supply of papers and periodicals, to sell the company's time-tables, to observe the reasonable orders of the stationmasters, not to exhibit publications of an immoral or illegal character, and to furnish an annual account of the goods sold.

Messrs. Smith and Son have, of course, a great advantage over other competitors, as their stalls are already erected.

## ALL ABOUT EVERYTHING.

Part 10 of the Wonderful "Harmsworth Encyclopedia" Published To-day.

The tenth fortnightly part of "The Harmsworth Encyclopedia" is published to-day, price sevenpence, gives the same marvellous value as the preceding parts.

For the nominal sum of sevenpence a fortnight—which works out at a halfpenny a day, the price of an evening paper—"The Harmsworth Encyclopedia" gives 200 pages of closely, but clearly, printed information dealing with over 1,200 different subjects, and profusely illustrated with maps, diagrams, and photographs. The articles are all of them the work of living specialists, nothing being second-hand or out of date, and every article is kept open until the actual day of going to press in order that the latest facts and figures may be included. It is no exaggeration to say that this remarkable work of reference tells everything about everything.

The present part completes the second volume of "The Harmsworth Encyclopedia," and special attention is drawn to the publishers' binding cases, in cloth at a shilling and in half-Persian at half-a-crown, and also to the fact that the publishers are prepared to bind the volumes in the best style at prices ranging from two shillings and sixpence to eight shillings. Particulars can be obtained at any newsagent's.

## BISLEY "RECORD."

Three Highest Aggregate Scores Achieved by One Man.

Lance-Sergeant Ommundsen, of the Queen's Edinburgh, was presented at Bisley yesterday with two challenge trophies, the N.R.A. Gold Cross, and £25, the awards for a "record" shooting achievement.

He not only made the highest scores in the Grand Aggregate, but also in the All Ranges Aggregate and the Volunteer Aggregate.

The King's Norton Aggregate was won by Mr. Maurice Blood.

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## SEASIDE HOLIDAY FLIRTATIONS.

The "Summer Girl" Hotly Attacked and Warmly Defended.

### "AT HEART A RAKE."

We make another selection to-day from the numerous letters that continue to reach us on this subject, which just now interests so many holiday-makers.

#### "FLIRTATIONS WARD OFF DULLNESS."

The flirtations indulged in at the seaside during the summer holidays are, as a rule, perfectly harmless, and not taken at all seriously on either side. If there were no flirtations summer holidays would become very dull affairs for a good many people. Take the case of a girl used to London life. She does not go to the seaside for the ordinary kind of amusements. She has plenty of these in London all the year round.

She goes to the seaside to recruit her health, and for this purpose she must be out in the open air as much as possible, and take long, invigorating walks and indulge in boating and bathing.

Bathing she may be able to enjoy without male companionship. But it is only natural that a girl, even if she has another girl with her, should enjoy a man's company and vice versa.

There is no harm whatever in her taking walks or boating with a young man, provided, of course, that they are conducted in a proper manner. Girls can tell in a very short time whether a young man is worthy of their companionship or not.

I certainly object to the unseemly behaviour of what may be called "the fast set," but they are to be found everywhere, and the girls are not always the ones to blame. G. O. M.

Tournay-road, S.W.

#### GIRLS WHO MAKE THE BEST WIVES.

I, too, am happily married, and nearly thirty, and have one of the dearest husbands the world can bestow. The "summer girl" is, indeed, vulgar and cheap, and certainly does no good by such behaviour.

What man wants is the loving, clinging, sweet, and gentle girl, so hard to find, with respect for herself and her sex, and who can also enjoy good, honest fun.

Oh, that more could be found! How happy men would be in their married life. VERA.

#### THE OLD STORY.

As long as there are summer holidays there will always be "summer girls."

As long as there is a seaside there will always be flirtations.

And as long as they are innocent and harmless they are all right.

After all, life is short, and youth and happiness shorter still, and the old, old story has been told to girls since the world began. What is the use of expecting it to cease now? F. G. D.

#### PLAYING WITH WOMEN'S HEARTS.

I am reading every day your paper, and find your articles "Summer Girl" most interesting.

I cannot understand that a female being can find summer flirting innocent.

Though, a man, I think that most men find flirting with a young, innocent girl don't think longer than their own nose, and seem to think that a heart of a woman is a thing made to play with.

Many thinking men who don't flirt are, therefore, regarded as fools. DANE IN ENGLAND. Sydenham.

#### NEVER ABUSE WOMEN.

"Misogynist" cannot have read "Between Ourselves," by Max O'Rell, or he would not so sign himself.

In the chapter called "Men Who Abuse Women" the author says—

The man who abuses women never caressed his mother, never was the playmate or the companion of his sisters. He is a bully, and is seldom more popular with nice men than he is with women.

If girls are not all perfect, nor are men.

A WOULD-BE ADMIRER OF MEN.

#### NO SENTIMENTAL TALK.

In answer to "Perplexed," let me say I knew my fiancée three years before I proposed to her, and I never once even thought of kissing her nor even talked sentimentally until the time came. My code of honour would not permit me.

Now that I am engaged no one could be happier than I am. TWENTY-ONE. Church Stile, Rochdale.

#### OLD PROVERB JUSTIFIED.

This correspondence seems to prove the truth of the assertion "Every woman is at heart a rake." It is apparently only the influence of public opinion where she is known which prevents this fact from being flagrantly manifested. Colchester. MARRIED.

## LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

Young women are being baptised in the sea from bathing machines at Morecambe, and the gasping converts evoke satirical comments from the crowds on the beach.

Water from a clondburst descended in torrents at Witleigh (Devon), pouring down the slopes of some of the fields to a depth of several feet and carrying away tons of top soil and all minor obstructions.

Disappointment awaited a Blackburn pensioner when he went to receive his money. He was told he could not obtain it then because the name and description on the identity certificate had been eaten away by mice.

Wire nails an inch long, stuck in sliced potatoes with the "business ends" uppermost, have been scattered on the Holyhead road between Chirk and Llangollen by some malicious persons for the benefit of motorists. So far, cyclists have unluckily reaped what was sown for their speedier brethren.

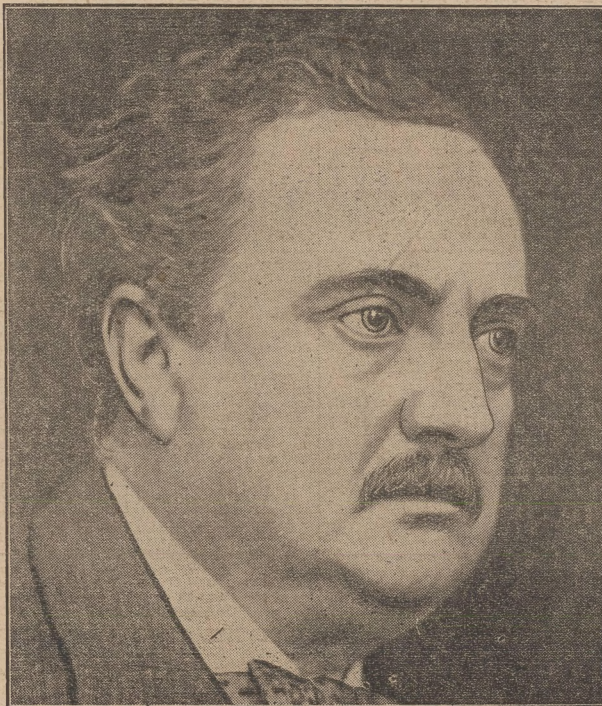
Accused of being drunk when in charge of a motor-car, which crashed into a cart at Prestwick and injured two men, a Manchester architect named Sietor Louis was committed to the Liverpool Assizes yesterday.

To-morrow the stock of ballet-dresses hitherto kept at the Empire Theatre will be sold by auction. There are no fewer than seven thousand costumes and hundreds of boots and shoes, silk stockings, and tights to come under the hammer.

Two little boys, aged twelve and eight, have been admitted to the Birmingham General Hospital suffering from poison as a result of eating some berries which they picked from shrubs in Summerfield Park.

Owing to the drought the mushroom crop in Cumberland promises to be below the average, and the price given at Wigton by the local dealers who despatch the produce to the large markets is sixpence per pound, the highest for many years.

## COMMANDING THE IRISH FORCES YESTERDAY.



Mr. John Redmond, the clever leader of the Nationalists, brought up a full force of Irish members to take part in yesterday's proceedings in the House of Commons when the Prime Minister made his eagerly anticipated announcement of the decision of the Cabinet regarding the Government defeat on Friday.—(Bereford.)

At a temperance gathering in Leeds, the Rev. T. Nightingale instanced the case of a man in Holbeck, whom he knew, who spent £3 10s. every week in drink.

Described as a dangerous criminal and a corrupting influence to all around him, John Williams was sentenced to three years' penal servitude at the Old Bailey yesterday for burglary at Blackheath.

Mr. Percival Walsh, solicitor, who had held the position of registrar of Oxford County Court for nearly twenty years, died at Oxford yesterday, aged sixty-six. Members of the family have practised as lawyers in Oxford for a century and a half.

Public holiday will be kept when the King visits Rochester, Chatham, and Gillingham to-morrow for the unveiling of the Boer war memorial arch at the Royal Engineer barracks. His Majesty will press an electric button, and the huge shroud covering the arch will fall.

Roused by a spaniel which found its nest in the long grass adjoining the cricket ground at Panteg (Mon.), a lark defended its young by pecking at the dog. Then it endeavoured to entice the intruder away by fluttering about in the air until some considerate spectators removed the spaniel.

Found suffocated in the ship's double bottom, the body of Salvo Greek, a shipwright, was landed at Sheerness yesterday from H.M.S. Venerable, which arrived from the Mediterranean.

Anglers are petitioning the London County Council for permission to use rod and line in the lake in Battersea Park, the waters of which are well stocked with all kinds of coarse fish.

There are only fifty-one prisoners for trial at the July Sessions, which opened at the Old Bailey yesterday, and the Recorder (Sir Forrest Fulton) said it was the lightest calendar he ever remembered.

Tramways were perhaps the first to feel the effects of bad trade, said Sir Charles R. Wilson at a meeting of the British Electric Traction Company yesterday, when the profits were announced as £220,000 less than those of the previous year.

Inquiry in the East End has revealed the fact that in two months no fewer than twenty-three of the casuals in the St. George's-in-the-East wards said they had been in the Army, and many complained bitterly of being cast adrift with no prospects before them. In Whitechapel the number of old soldiers in the wards was still higher.

## ANTICIPATION OF PEACE.

Stock Markets Harden on Meeting of M. Witte and M. Rouvier.

### CONSOLSS' LIGHT RISE.

CAPEL COURT, Monday Evening.—The stock markets have become very uninteresting, the nearness of the Settlement having, of course, a good deal to do with it. The Kaffir market had its preliminary carry-over day, which is quite a mocking reminder of days probably gone for ever of "booming" times in Kaffir shares. The preliminary carry-over seemed to show that there were none too many shares about, and certainly the position is much more comfortable than was the case at the last Settlement.

The markets never seemed quite to get over Saturday's holiday. The truth is, that most people have now settled down to anticipate slack times for some weeks ahead. It is specially noticeable in some of the sections, which have recently been "booming," such as Foreign Rails, which are a good deal slacker than they were. This is no bad thing in itself, for the speculative movement in a good many of these railway securities had gone quite far enough.

The political situation at home had little or no effect on Consols, and even the output of new issues had none. Another Indian railway debenture, following upon the East Indian issue the other day, shows that the steady stream of invasions to the public is sustained. But it does not seem to affect prices. Consols were just where they were on Friday, at 90 1-16, until at the close, when they hardened to 90 1/2.

#### AMERICAN RUMOURS.

Of course, a good deal of interest is taken in the Home Railway dividends. The South-Eastern and Chatham dividends were the same as a year ago, but the South-Eastern carry-forward was above expectations, and this had a good effect upon the price of the Deferred stock.

In fact, had it not been for a bad Brighton traffic Southern speculations might have been firm all round. The Lancashire and Yorkshire dividend, too, was fully up to the mark, being 1 per cent. better than a year ago. Otherwise, the market seemed to find nothing to be enthusiastic about, and the tone was dull, with a fair amount of offering of some of the best stocks.

The American advices received on Saturday evening were certainly not calculated to inspire. There was talk of black rust on the wheat and a bad Bank statement, but Americans disregarded the bad news and the lower prices from New York. They were promptly put better, with Steel issues leading the way. New York offered stocks at first this afternoon, but the prices rallied later.

#### KAFFIRS DULL AND IDLE.

Of Foreign Rails there is not much to say. The best spots were some of the minor Argentines like Entre Rios and the Great Western of Brazil. Of Foreigners themselves it was evident that peace anticipations were running higher as a result of the meeting of M. de Witte and M. Rouvier. At all events, both Russians and Japanese issues were better; the market seemed to like the possibility of Russia securing the new loan, evidently not regarding it as one for war purposes. Rio Tinto has quite got over the recent rumours about the partial collapse of working, and, generally speaking, the tendency was better for Foreigners.

At first Kaffirs were dull and idle, as usual, prices of leading shares were inclined to slip away. Later, however, there was a little more heart, and things showed a tendency to recover. West Africans were almost featureless. Mr. Feldmann's report on the Ashantee Goldfields property was liked, but had no influence. The debenture issue was simply ignored. It goes to show how little interest or faith there is in some of these quondam popular mining concerns nowadays.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

FOUR QUESTIONS (E. H. W.): (1) A speculative investment. (2) Quite local. (3) Not at present. (4) Places of amusement of the kind overdone.—BURMAH RAILWAYS THIRDS (E. L.): Quite satisfactory.—BANK (J. S.): No.—F. G. (Bristol): Have no knowledge, not having particulars. Safest plan is to submit matter to your solicitor and take his advice.

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## ARE WOMEN BECOMING LESS BEAUTIFUL?

A FRENCHMAN has written a book called "Beauty Disappears." He is not at all popular among Frenchwomen.

He seriously contends that women are not so pleasant to look upon as they used to be. Modern conditions, he says, which make it harder to live and which force large numbers of women to compete with men, are robbing the sex of its attractions.

The same lament is uttered in a book of Reminiscences which everyone has been reading lately—Mr. Leveson-Gower's (pronounce "Lewson-Gaw"). The famous hostesses of his young days, in the 'fifties and the 'sixties, were much more beautiful, he declares, than—well, he does not exactly say "the hostesses of the present day," but one can plainly see what he means.

Is there really any substance in these grumblings? Do our young girls wear, as an American visitor asserted the other day, a "hard look"? Have our fashionable beauties lost the softness and roundness and sweetness which are suggested by the portraits of their grandmothers?

Surely there are just as many pretty girls to-day as ever there were in Britain at any rate. English artists always come back home with relief when they have been travelling abroad. "Englishwomen, taking them all round, are the best-looking in the world." That is the universal testimony.

At the same time, there is a tendency towards the growth of a class of women who do not seek to be beautiful, who aim at sinking their sex, whose ideal is to live as much like men as possible and not trouble about their appearance at all. M. Anatole France, the famous French writer, thinks that some day "sexless" women will form quite a large section of the community.

So far, however, their numbers are small. The great majority of women still desire beauty. A fairly large proportion are gifted with it, and even those who are not need never despair. If a woman is not attractive, it is generally her own fault. Parisiennes, who are the most admired women in the world, are not by any means the best-looking. But they take the most pains.

E. B.

## A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Love is blind, and the figure of Cupid is drawn with a bandage round his eyes. Blind—yes, because he does not see what he does not like; but the sharpest-sighted hunter in the universe is Love for finding what he seeks, and only that—Emerson.

## THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

WE have now arrived at the last week of the season, and, as usual, a good many entertainments will be crowded into it. To-night, Mrs. Potter Palmer is giving a dinner-party and a concert, at which Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid will be present, and it is also stated that there will be a ball at Dorchester House towards the end of the week. The garden-party, again, which Lord and Lady Darnley are giving to-day at their beautiful old house, Cobham Hall, Gravesend, is certain to be well attended. Lady Darnley, who is a delightful hostess, is one of our few Australian perceresses, and the story of her marriage with Lord Darnley is certainly romantic enough.

Lord Darnley, then the Hon. Ivo Bligh, had taken a cricketing team out to Australia, and one day, during a match at Victoria, he had the misfortune to wound his hand. He withdrew from the pavilion and had the wound bound up by the daughter of a resident in the city. When he left Australia the young lady went back to England with him as his wife. It is worth recalling, by the

way, that he does not know what nerves are. A policeman who had to accuse him once of excessive speed described him as "a-flyin' through the air at a horrid pace!"

Much of Mr. Balfour's equanimity in the House is, of course, only assumed. Mr. Lucy tells a story which shows how some of his opponents manage to irritate him, however well he may conceal his irritation. Once, at a dinner-party, Mr. Balfour's neighbour pointed out a grave-old Scotch member to him with the remark that this worthy's head was curiously like that of a horse. "He may look like a horse," said Mr. Balfour sarcastically, "but he's only an ass."

Judge Parker, who has just had an adventure which nearly led to his being drowned, is a very athletic person. He owes his splendid physique, I suppose, mainly to the fact that his early years were spent on his father's farm in Corliss County, toiling in the open air like a peasant. He still takes the greatest interest in agriculture, and always during the summer months, after his morning swim in the Hudson, rides round the few

cure at Harrogate. Lady Herbert, the widow of Sir Michael Herbert, and her sister, Mrs. Ogden Goelet, are there, too; and Lady Bridge, the wife of the Admiral, Mr. W. K. D'Arcy and Miss D'Arcy, and Sir James and Lady Silverthorn are amongst the many English people to be seen of a morning walking up and down by the Kreuzbrunnen Spring. Many Englishmen who are going there will be glad to hear that new golf links have just been laid down, and, although the clubhouse is not quite finished, it will be so by next week.

There is still considerable doubt as to whether Mr. William James will be well enough for a party to assemble at West Dean Park for Goodwood. He has been suffering for some time past, but is a good deal better now. Should there be no party at West Dean Park, it will make a great deal of difference, from a social point of view, to Goodwood, for Mr. and Mrs. James always bring the smartest of smart people to the races and entertain on a very large scale indeed, not only at their house, but on the lawn as well.

The death of the well-known French painter, M. Jean Jacques Henner, has given the French Press an opportunity of recalling the stories of his early youth and poverty in Paris. It is curious that almost all great authors and painters in France appear to have begun by very nearly starving. An author who has not known beggary seems to be almost as great an anomaly there as an American millionaire who has never swept out an office or run barefooted in the streets. Instances in point easily occur to one. There was Zola, who worked like a galley-slave packing books for a publisher when he first came to Paris, and even then had frequently to go dinnerless.

There was also Alphonse Daudet, who knew well what it was to wander in the streets without food. Even at the end of his life, when he was prosperous and admired, certain incidents of that vagabond life remained vivid to him. He could remember, for instance, the sucking sound which his cracked and gaping boots made when filled with cold mud and rain. And a third most obvious example is that of the incorrigible poet who tried to live "as the birds do"—Paul Verlaine. A French lady once told me that she had seen him driving the children away from the crabs which they had thrown to the birds in the Luxembourg Gardens and proceeding to devour them himself.

Baron de Forest's new yacht, the Honor, has arrived at Southampton, and is the object of much interest to the other yachts now lying in Southampton Waters. She is a beautiful boat, of a thousand tons, and Baroness de Forest, who is a sister of Lord Gerard, is with her husband on board. After the Cowes week they are going on a long cruise, and several of their friends are to accompany them.

## TWO MEN OF THE MOMENT

## The Tsar and the Kaiser.

THE eyes of Europe are upon them, for yesterday and to-day they have been holding their no doubt vastly important conference, and both are probably convinced that they are weighing the destinies of the world between them.

The Kaiser, we may be sure, is extremely happy. What could be pleasanter than the sense that you are making history, even if you are not? Or what more gratifying than to hold the stage in full view even of a hostile audience?

Is it indiscreet to imagine what has been said during this memorable interview? One may be forgiven for supposing that the Kaiser has talked of the inconceivable destinies of his Empire, of world-peace and world-problems, of the mission of Christian kings and the power of vague phrases.

To which the Tsar has certainly replied in the familiar strain about his crusade against the heathen, his mighty resources turned only for a moment from their triumph, his new plans for a final and convincing blow.

And after that the two emperors assuredly have shaken hands and talked about their enemies.

But perhaps all this is idealistic, and in reality the conversation may have been about nothing more than caviare, cigarettes, and coffee. In any case, we may be certain that the Kaiser will not fail to point out to his illustrious friend how magnificently, how faultlessly, how exquisitely he managed the ceremonies for his son's wedding in Berlin.

## IN MY GARDEN.

JULY 24.—Many of the campanulas are over, but several low-growing varieties now deck the rockery, a little patch of the common harebell being very pretty. The broad-leaved campanula (latifolia) is to-day a splendid sight. Seven feet high and smothered with blue flowers, it is strange one so seldom sees this truly lovely plant.

What a number of sweet-scented flowers I delight us now! Sweet peas, white jessamine, stocks, nig-onette, the tobacco plant, lavender, carnations, roses! Bury your face in a bunch of these exquisite blooms, and the full joy of summer will come to you; you can afford to pity those who scoff at gardens.

E. F. T.

## EVERY BATSMAN HIS OWN UMPIRE!



In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Balfour replied to the wild shout for his resignation which went up when the Government were defeated. He announced that they intended to go on as if nothing had happened.

way, that this team which Lord Darnley took to Australia were very nearly drowned at sea. Their vessel, the Peshawar, came into collision with a smaller ship. For a moment everybody on board thought that his last moment had come.

Two members of the team had quarrelled continuously during the whole of the journey out. One of them, in this seemingly fatal moment, thought it time to make peace. Accordingly, he walked up to his enemy and began the overtures towards it by saying in a melancholy voice: "Don't you wish we were both at home?" But the prospect of death had only reinforced the other's enmity. He replied: "No, I don't, any more than you do. Go away! I'm done with you." And the conflict between them continued.

Mr. Arthur Balfour celebrates his fifty-fifth birthday to-day in the midst of rather trying circumstances. As he never reads the papers, however, it is probable that Mr. Balfour scarcely realises that he is at a crisis in his political fortunes, and, in any case, he is not the man to be particularly nervous about it. For one so delicate in health, the Prime Minister has managed to cultivate a very successful stolidity in the face of fortune's blows. His daring as a motorist, too, would seem to prove

hundred acres which he owns near Kingston, on the banks of that mighty river. Judge Parker is a kindly, outspoken man—too kind, perhaps, to make a perfect lawyer. He certainly dislikes severity, and suffered from sleepless nights when he first had to condemn a criminal to death.

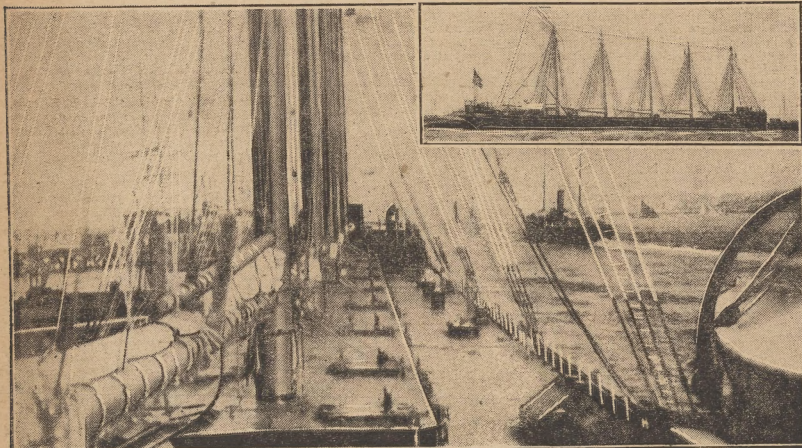
The night before the condemnation he lay tossing sleeplessly in bed, wondering how he should find the courage to perform his duty. While he lay thinking it over, however, the condemned man had taken the law into his own hands—he was found hanging dead in his cell the next morning. The Judge must have felt relieved; but the sheriff, who receives a good sum of money for every capital punishment, was presumably dissatisfied. The tragic suicide was announced to Judge Parker in the blindest terms. "Judge," cried the gaoler, as he rushed into the room, "that fellow's gone and hung himself an' cheated the sheriff out of five hundred dollars!"

The Marienbad season has started extremely well, and if only August is fine there will be a great many people present, especially as the King is to stay at the Hotel Weimar. Amongst the well-known English people who have arrived there are Lord and Lady Northbrook, who last year made a



## Reported by Camera:

### GIANT OIL BARGE CROSSES THE ATLANTIC.



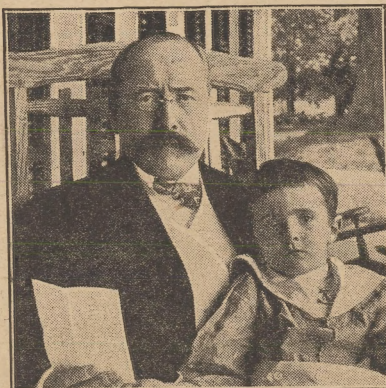
Laden with 4,700 tons of mineral oil, the barge photographed has just arrived in the Thames after being towed across the Atlantic from New York. The barge has been specially built for ocean work, and was towed across in record time, the passage only taking a few days longer than in the case of unencumbered vessels.

### MISS KELLERMAN'S RECORD SWIM.



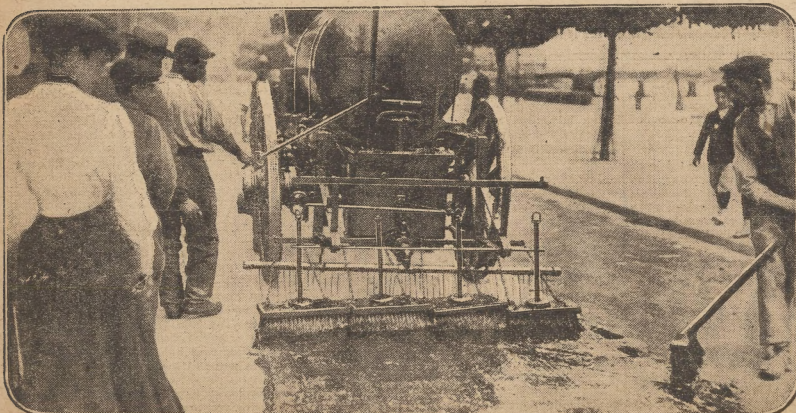
While practising for her swim across the Channel for the *Daily Mirror* trophy, Miss Kellerman, the Australian lady champion, set up a record by covering the twenty miles between Dover and Ramsgate in 4hr. 28min. The previous record was 4hr. 30min. by Mr. J. Wolfe last week.

### JUDGE PARKER'S NARROW ESCAPE.



Chief Justice Parker, the candidate for the American Presidency, was swimming with his grandson when the child caught hold of him so tightly round the neck that he was unable to keep afloat. He was only rescued with great difficulty.—(Underwood and Underwood.)

### PREPARING THE ROAD FOR MOTOR-CARS AT TROUVILLE.

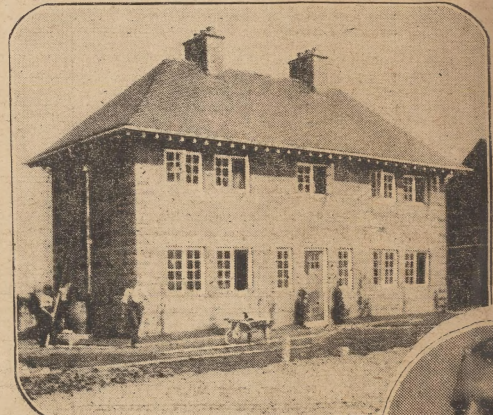


New machine for tarring the surface of the road now in use at Trouville. Sand is sprinkled upon the tar, and the result is to provide a surface over which motor-cars can travel at high speed without raising an appreciable amount of dust.

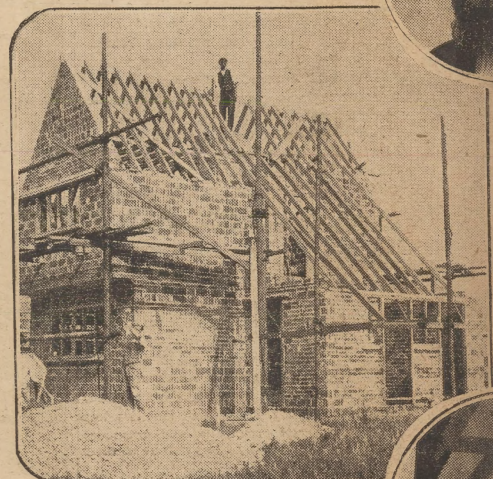
## £150 Cottages at L

Some of the £150 cottages at the Cheap Cottages Exhibition on the awarded to the most successful specimens provided the cost price of that comfortable, healthy, and picturesque cottages could be erected the way. A portrait of the Duke of Devonshire, who is to open the exhibition, is also shown.

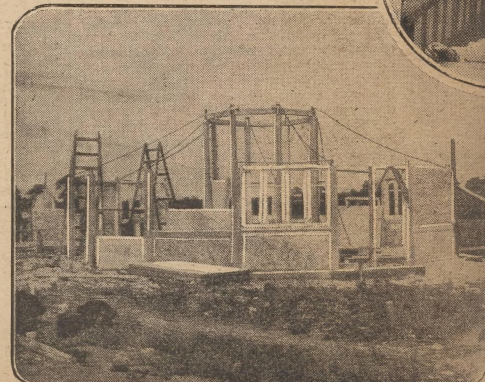
McClelland, the designer and builder.



One of the most imposing specimens among the £150 cottages. It is built of stone from the immediate neighbourhood.



A variety of material is being used in building the cottages. The one under construction in the photograph is built of hollow bricks.



Building an originally designed cottage, octagonal in shape. The staircase will be in the centre, where the tall octagonal framework may be seen in the photograph.



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## "GARDEN CITY."

The Place About Which Everyone Is Talking To-day.

### PROGRESS UP TO DATE.

BY THE REV. H. T. KNIGHT, M.A.

The opening of the Cheap Cottage Exhibition has directed universal attention to "Garden City." The following article gives an interesting account of the present state of this most attractive experiment.

Some thirty miles to the north of London an ideal is rapidly taking shape and form.

The English are a practical people, apt to be impatient of anything that savours of the Utopian, and disinclined to look with favour upon visionary schemes of betterment.

Yet by the reception which they are giving to the venture of the Garden City they seem to have begun to think, with Mr. G. K. Chesterton, that "the fantastic thing is the modern city," and to be feeling their way after a more healthy and intelligent regime.

The real founder of the movement is Mr. Ebenezer Howard. His book, "Garden Cities of To-morrow," first drew attention to the idea of trying to remedy some of the evils attendant on the conditions of modern industry by the creation of new townships on a definite and methodical plan.

Eventually, with the help of the experience gained by Mr. Cadbury's famous undertaking at Bournville and by Mr. W. H. Lever at Port Sunlight, together with such Continental experiments as the industrial colonies of Messrs. Krupp, a company was formed, entitled "The First Garden City, Ltd.," and the directors began to look about for a suitable locality.

To quote from their first prospectus:—

The difficulties of dealing with the housing question become increasingly apparent with every fresh effort at reform.

The expense is enormous, while improvement in one direction often increases the evil in another.

The only adequate solution is to start afresh and establish a new town, to which some manufacturers whose businesses admit of removal may be led to migrate.

The main object of the company, therefore, is to deal at once with the twin problems of rural depopulation and overcrowding in towns by providing a convenient site for a residential and industrial community and regulating its growth from the beginning. It aims at providing facilities for the rise of a real city, where rich and poor alike may find a home and enjoy the benefits both of town and of country.

#### WHERE UTOPIA IS.

Two years ago the company purchased, at a cost of about £40 an acre, an area of over five square miles in the north of Hertfordshire. The estate is bisected by a branch line of the Great Northern Railway, the station of Leetchworth being two and a half miles from Hitchin, which is thirty-two miles distant from King's Cross.

All the land is to be retained by the company, and as the dividend to shareholders is limited to 5 per cent. much of the "unearned increment" will go to the benefit of the inhabitants as a whole. This is one of the essential features of the scheme, and its result will be that local rates will remain at a low figure, if, indeed, the rent-roll of the city is not ultimately sufficient to dispense with them altogether. The liquor traffic, as well as gas, water, and electricity, is to be under public management.

Another characteristic of the scheme is that the city will be permanently encircled by a rural zone, more than two-thirds of the estate being devoted to agriculture.

The density of population will be restricted by limiting the average number of houses per acre. It is intended that the inhabitants of the city shall not exceed a total of 30,000, while the agricultural belt will contain another 500. A considerable tract of land has also been reserved for small holdings.

Thus much of the country produce required by the citizens will be supplied by the immediate neighbourhood, and, on the other hand, the proximity of a town market will act beneficially on the surrounding farms.

Turning to the actual plan of the town, it seems to dwellers in crowded city districts like a beautiful dream.

Frequent spaces of varying size have been set aside as public greens and recreation and cricket grounds.

The main thoroughfare, on which sites have been allocated for municipal buildings, general post-office, shops, etc., is a wide boulevard, running for over half a mile along a ridge, whence the principal streets will radiate in such a way as to command from their pavements a view of the countryside.

Every building is to be as efficient, sanitary, and artistic as possible, monotony of style and alignment being carefully avoided.

Three factories, two post-offices, and about a dozen shops are already in being; and if the gas-works are not yet quite finished, the reservoir, with its 250,000 gallons, is an accomplished fact, and a

plentiful supply of water is flowing through the mains.

Dainty and well-fitted cottages are let for rentals from 5s. 6d. to 8s. 6d., a week, and even the smallest is provided with a garden.

In the residential part the gardens run to more than half an acre in extent. Here villas are being erected on an extensive scale, some with verandahs and quite large rooms, designed to give scope for interior decoration, and yet costing not more than £40 a year.

It is estimated that by the end of the year the population will have risen to 1,500 souls.

So the venture of the First Garden City is going on its way, watched with sympathetic interest by many eyes, not only in England, but in America, France, Germany, and elsewhere. Time alone can show what its results will be. If the venture at Leetchworth is found to be as practicable as it is assuredly attractive, it is destined to play an important part as an object-lesson in economic and industrial reform, and to have far-reaching effects on our social development. H. T. KNIGHT.

## THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

### BREAD AS A GERM CARRIER.

You speak of the article in the "Lancet" about dirty door handles. It seems to me one can easily find much more glaring instances of possible contamination.

Think of a baker's cart on its rounds. The bread is placed in it by the hands of the baker's man; it is then handled by the man (no matter what he has touched with his hands meanwhile) to a servant, who usually takes it in her hands regardless of what she has been occupied in doing.

After that it is constantly handled every time it is brought to and from the dining-table. Yet people will eat crust. ALICE M. LEE.

### RICH AND POOR.

Your correspondent, W. B. Ramsay, attributes our social and industrial conditions to laws and regulations made by the rich in their own interest. The poor could soon alter these conditions by two methods within their reach.

1. Let them give up spending yearly one hundred and sixty millions sterling on strong drink.

2. Let them protect their markets from foreign competition, and thus secure work for all.

But sensual passions and the bias of political partisanship will keep them for awhile as they are. But they could be their own saviours.

KENILWORTH. SOCIAL REFORMER.

### UNEQUAL SENTENCE.

I have just attended Mortlake Police Court to answer a summons for driving a motor-car at an alleged speed of twenty-six miles an hour between Hammersmith Bridge and Barnes Common, a speed which my little car was quite incapable of doing.

I pointed this out in court and pleaded "Not guilty." Danger to the public was not part of the charge, the road being deserted at the time. In spite of this, however, I was fined £6 and 13s. 6d. costs.

Just before my case a carter was convicted of wantonly ill-treating a horse, the enemy's lines have thrashed this poor beast unmercifully. He was found guilty and was fined 20s.

I consider this a gross injustice and one that is liable to bring the magistrates of England into contempt.

COLIN DEFRIES.

26, Eastbourne-terrace, Paddington, W., July 12.

## THE WORLD'S HUMOUR.

Witty Paragraphs from the Comic Papers of Two Continents.

"Can you keep a secret, old man?"

"Rather!"

"Well, I'm fearfully hard up for five pounds."

"Right you are. I'll forget you ever mentioned it, dear boy."—*Journal Amusant* (French).

General: And you are the brave fellow who carried my dispatches through the enemy's lines. Why, in war you would almost certainly have been killed.

Corporal: I shouldn't have carried them in war, sir.—*Le Rire* (French).

"The editor looks downcast. What's the matter with him?"

"He received a letter yesterday informing him of an inheritance, and in the rush he replied: 'Declined with thanks.'"—*Meggendorfer Blatter* (German).

The late Bishop of London was once ordered by his physician to spend the winter in Algiers. The bishop said it was impossible, he had so many engagements. "Well, my lord bishop," said the specialist, "it either means Algiers or heaven."

"Oh, in that case," said the bishop, "I'll go to Algiers."—*Argonaut*.

Bobbie Bright: Mamma, does folks buy babies I'm the doctor?

Mrs. Bright: Yes.

Bobbie: An' does poor folks have to buy 'em too?

Mrs. Bright: Yes, I suppose so.

Bobbie: Then how does it come that poor folk has more'n anybody else?—*Philadelphia Ledger*.

## ONE FALSE STEP.

By HENRY FARMER.

### CHARACTERS IN THE STORY.

FRANK CHESTER.—A young man who comes to London after a University career. He is to have a start in commercial life by the great Vincent Devenish—the chance of a lifetime. His one false step is the removal from Devenish's table of some banknotes, while he fingers out of curiosity, and has not time to replace before Eve Daintree enters the room.

TOM MAYFIELD.—An old schoolfellow of Frank Chester's, heavily in debt. He has been entrusted with some banknotes, and promises to return them for him. But he mysteriously disappears, and is discovered at last, suffering from complete loss of memory, by some woman. He has now been heard of in Liverpool.

QUEENIE MAYFIELD.—Tom's sister. An orphan. She has started in business as a florist and table decorator, in which she is succeeding. In love with Chester, and beloved by Mordaunt, who entraps her in a house where she is to take place. In the course of a scene with him she falls and cuts herself.

DEXTER.—The obsequious, oily cashier in the office of Vincent Devenish. Has Chester in his power, owing to the fact that he has replaced the money which through the former's fault is missing from Devenish's room.

EVE DAINTREE.—The young widow daughter of Vincent Devenish, and heir to his wealth. Considered as the sole wife for Chester.

HESPER MORDAUNT.—Stockbroker, by whom Tom Mayfield is employed. Close friends with Dexter. Has offered to lend Queenie money.

VINCENT DEVENISH.—Of the Blue Star Line. A commercial and financial magnate.

### CHAPTER XXII. (Continued).

Major Ruthven courteously yielded his place beside Eve to Chester, and a moment later fell a victim to Miss Dollenmache, the two-haired young lady.

"I've scarcely seen anything of you, Mr. Chester; you have quite neglected me," said Eve, with the friendliest of smiles, and without the slightest suggestion of pique in her tones.

"That is rather an unjust way of putting it, isn't it?" replied Chester, with an attempted lightness of tone and a laugh that was not a laugh. "I am well, and I feel better than ever, and a fascinating, reposeful personality was over him now, firing him, exasperating him.

On his way to Lord's the memory of his interview with Dexter, at the latter's house at Markham's Green, had kept him company like a haunting shadow at his elbow. He told himself, as he had done a dozen times before, that until he had wiped off his debt and extricated himself from his present humiliating and dangerous position he had no right to bare his heart to Eve. He had been horribly conscious of the old feeling that he was sailing under false colours, occupying a place in her estimation of which he was unworthy. He had turned to himself the sick of cold scorn that would tell those deep, eloquent eyes of hers, if he were told of the act of monumental folly that placed him under an obligation to the man whom she despised and hated—the man whom she looked to Chester, in the fulness of time, to unmask."

But now the haunting shadow was driven from Chester's elbow. He was scarcely conscious of the brief contact. The man was mighty near, but he went up as a magnificent catch dismissed by the Harrovian captain just as he appeared to be well set seemed to come from a distance, and failed to stir the man, who, under ordinary circumstances, would have kept his eyes glued to the game, to the exclusion of all else.

With a sudden flash a soul for cricket, utterly disregarding a most exciting game, it may be taken for granted that his condition is very grave indeed.

The roar of voices gave Eve an opportunity of changing the subject, and the injustice of imputing neglect to Chester. She consulted her card.

"Jack," she exclaimed, "goes in next wicket down."

Jack was Major Ruthven's Harrovian brother, and the gallant Major, though he had the reputation of being one of the coolest men in the service, was already plucking rather nervously at his tawny moustache.

Eve handed her card to Chester. He took it with his left hand, which happened to be ungloved. He caught sight for the first time of a piece of sticking-plaster strapped round his knuckle.

"You've hurt your hand," she said rather quickly.

She also noticed a faint discolouration on his forehead.

"An accident?"

Eve was showing considerable concern now. She observed a certain lines on Chester's forehead that suggested a tussle with physical pain.

"No," he answered rather evasively; "but I happened to run up against an objectionable individual."

"He struck you?"

"Yes," replied Chester quietly; "but I knocked him down, and there was an end of it."

Eve's eyes sparkled rather proudly. She gave a sigh of relief. It would have been intolerable had Mr. Chester had the worst of the encounter. She could not bear the idea of anyone whom she respected being worsted in any way.

"But your head? Are you all right now?"

She was sympathetic, and Chester was almost tempted to exaggerate the nature of his bruise.

"Oh, that's nothing," he laughed. "He only managed to get home very lightly."

Eve had misread the lines on the forehead, and the rather drawn look about the mouth. They were

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## STOUT FOLK'S TROUBLES.

In itself obesity is sometimes an all but intolerable burden; as a condition favourable to the development of many other distressing ailments, extreme corpulence is one of the worst afflictions. Apart from the enfeeblement of the action of the vital organs, notably the heart, owing to the accumulation of superfluous internal fat, the nervous system is often seriously impaired, and the digestive process gives much trouble and pain. Incidentally, when the digestion is faulty the blood becomes impure, owing to the retention in the system of partially or wholly undigested matter, giving rise to all sorts of minor complaints. Constipation sets in, with headaches, flatulence, depression, biliousness, and chronic indigestion. The condition of the blood in these circumstances is conducive to gout and rheumatism, the kidneys and liver failing to perform their work with regularity and normal thoroughness.

This seems a long list of ills with which to indict the fiend Obesity; but facts, alas! prove the truth of the indictment. But why let things remain in this state when to remedy them is so simple and easy a matter? Antipon, the great remedy for the permanent cure of corpulence, has cured thousands and thousands of cases where many of the symptoms we have just described were of the worst character. Antipon, in fact, is not only a fat-absorbent of remarkable power, destroying at once the superfluous fatty deposits and the tendency to turn everything eaten into fat, but its tonic properties are of the highest value. This is particularly noticeable in the wonderful improvement in the digestive process.

Antipon thoroughly tones up and strengthens the digestive organs and assists assimilation and nutrition. The appetite is greatly improved, and as the larger amount of food taken is properly digested the effect upon the whole system is reinvigorating in the highest degree. The blood is enriched and purified, and muscular re-development, without fatty impregnation, but firm, solid muscular tissue, proceeds satisfactorily. This wholesome food becomes Antipon's aid and ally—its only help, in fact. No useless dietary rules, no exhausting exercises, no drugging, no excessive cathartics enter into the Antipon treatment, which is therefore a standing confutation of all old-time theories and practices in respect to fat reduction. The Antipon treatment bears permanent fruit, restoring health, strength, and vitality, as well as beauty of figure. The doses are small. In appearance like a red wine, Antipon is a pleasantly tart tonic liquid, composed of harmless vegetable substances. Nothing of a mineral or otherwise noxious character enters into its composition. It causes no stomachic or other disturbance, and can be taken in the strictest privacy and without any inconvenience or discomfort.

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"Londonberry. "I find Antipon certainly 'tones up the system.' "C. S. S.—"

"Tow Law. "I enclose postal order for one bottle of Antipon, from which I find great benefit. My digestion and my appetite are better. "A. S.—"

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## ZOO'S NEW OSTRICH.



Fine specimen of the Somali ostrich, just added to the Zoological Society's collection at Regent's Park. It differs from the South African ostrich in having the skin of the neck and thighs blue instead of red.

## 6.30 A.M. AT WEYMOUTH.



Bluejackets on leave, buying their *Daily Mirror* at Weymouth at 6.30 in the morning. The *Daily Mirror* special trains carry the paper so speedily across the country that it is on sale at all the provincial centres long before many of our readers are thinking of leaving their beds.

## A SUMMER BATHE AT BLACKPOOL.



The great female elephant from Bostock's Animal Arena at Blackpool, taking her morning dip in the sea. She enjoys swimming and floating quite as much as any human bather. It is interesting to note that since the death of Jumbo she has been the largest elephant known.

## ONE FALSE STEP.

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due, not to physical pain, but to mental and heart-worry.

Chester became thoughtful for a moment as he drew on his left glove. He was trying to "fix" the depraved features of the drunken man who had assaulted him on the fringe of Markham's Green.

"It is always annoying," he said, rather inconsequently, "to be vaguely familiar with a face, and yet unable, for the life of one, to identify it without anyone or anything definite."

"Why? Did you fancy you knew the man?"

"Not exactly—just that vague feeling that the face was reminiscent of something or someone."

But Chester was conscious of no more than this. Yet it was easily imaginable that occasion might furnish some link that would cause him to associate his assailant's depraved face with the portrait of Eve Daintree's dead husband.

But he was not proud of his achievement. It had been necessary to knock the man down—that was all. He was glad when Eve changed the subject.

"By the way," she said, rather lazily; "I called on Miss Mayfield."

"So I heard. Your visit was much appreciated." Eve glanced at him for a moment from under her long, sweeping lashes; then she made an effort, though it was quite imperceptible.

"I think she is most charming, Mr. Chester. Of course, I had only seen her at the shop before—had never met her in private life. I quite frankly admit that the first impressions I received were wrong ones."

A flush of pleasure warmed Chester's face. Eve appeared momentarily interested in the cricket. Yet the flush was not unobserved, and, being misread, caused a pain. But there was a certain grand generosity about Eve's nature. She disliked to have to admit that she was jealous, and she was trying hard to rise superior to this feeling of jealousy.

"Here's Jack!" cried Eve, as a lithe-limbed, bannetted lad emerged from the pavilion and made

his way across that awful stretch of turf interposed between him and the destiny awaiting at the wicket.

Major Ruthven was plucking fiercely at his tawny moustache. Eve left Chester and joined him.

Young Ruthven took "middle" very deliberately; walked half-way across the pitch; and patted the turf; returned and took "middle" again; glanced round the field slowly—and drove the first ball to the ropes for four! He treated the next ball in the same cavalier fashion. Small Harrow boys in very tall hats went purple in the face, and shouted themselves hoarse. Major Ruthven felt justified now in leaving his moustache alone.

"Splendid!" cried Eve, her face brilliant with excited admiration.

Young Ruthven was playing first-class cricket, and Chester's enthusiasm should have been stricken to the depths but Eve, flushed and animated, distracted his attention, and her very enthusiasm for Major Ruthven's young brother cast a gloom over him.

"By God—"

The major apologised a moment later. The third ball of the over had all but grazed the balls. But the fourth ball went to the ropes again.

"Played, sir!" roared the major as young Ruthven blocked the last ball of the over.

The last man in, ten runs to win; two more overs to be bowled. Old men held their breath, and glared with stony eyes at the two white figures at the wickets.

A stolen run. A gasp rather than a cheer went up. Young Ruthven had "collared" the bowling.

He opened out his shoulders, and drove the ball to the ropes. He opened out his shoulders again, and but one run remained between him and victory. He opened out his shoulders for a third time, and the historic match was won.

A mighty roar and a sweep and surge of humanity towards the pavilion.

Major Ruthven was wringing both of Eve's hands.

It did not occur to Chester that some such friendship as existed between himself and Queenie might also exist between Eve and the gallant officer.

He turned away his head; the lines in his forehead—observed and misread by Eve—deepened.

The coach on which he was standing was surrounded by other vehicles. Happening to glance down at the closely packed stream threading its way through the narrow channel an upturned face caught his eye.

He started.

The man was staring up, not at Chester, but at the tall, graceful figure of the radiant Eve; staring up at her with a curious, half-furtive, half-fascinated stare, from under the brim of his battered straw hat.

His mouth was badly swollen and his eyes blood-shot.

A moment later he was swept away by the human stream.

Eve had not seen him; but Chester had, and recognised the man whom he had knocked down on the fringe of Markham's Green, not far from Mr. Dexter's private residence.

The man reminiscent of something—someone! Chester went up to Major Ruthven and congratulated him.

"Magnificent!" cried Eve. "I must see Jack—congratulate him. Do you think, Major Ruthven, you could manage to pilot me through that crowd to the pavilion?"

All Harrow, past and present, seemed gathered round the pavilion. Major Ruthven assisted Eve from the coach.

"Take my arm!" he said.

Eve cast a backward glance, and smiled farewell to Chester.

And so, as Major Ruthven piloted her through the dense mob, her thoughts, despite the excitement of the glorious victory, wandered more than once.

Her parting smile was but a small crumb of comfort to Chester. He left the coach, and was caught up in the great human tide and carried out of the grounds.

Outside he hesitated for a moment. He had called, that morning, to inquire after Queenie,

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## A CHARMING FACE.

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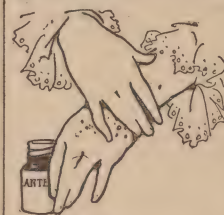
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# THE MOTOR PNEUMATIC TYRE COMPANY (LIMITED).

(Seldon's Patents).  
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The SUBSCRIPTION LIST on the footing of the Prospectus will CLOSE on WEDNESDAY, August 26, 1905.

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SECRETARY AND REGISTRAR—MR. GEORGE ARTHUR SEDDEN (pro tem, 22 and 23, Colindale Street, London, E.C.)

The Prospectus, amongst other things, states as follows:—

This Company has been formed to acquire and take over the business of the British Motor Tyre Syndicate (Limited) of Manchester, manufacturers of Pneumatic Tyres, Motor Carriages and Vehicle Tyres, and Tyres of every description, and accessories relating thereto, including:—

(1) The royalty payable under two Licences granted to David Moseley and Sons (Limited), in respect of three of the Patents below referred to.

(2) The benefit of the agreement for the Sale of the United States of America Patents for £250,000, payable as stated on page 3 of this Prospectus.

(3) The benefit of the agreement for the Sale of the French and Belgian Patents for the minimum sum of £50,000, payable as stated on page 3 of this Prospectus.

The Company also acquires the Seldon Motor Tyre Patents for both the United Kingdom and abroad, already vested in the before-mentioned Syndicate.

Provisional protection has been obtained for a patent for Tyres suitable for Motor Carriages and other heavy road Motors, the benefit of which Patent (with improvements) will be acquired by the Company in consideration of a Royalty on the net amount received in respect of the sale of Tyres manufactured under the Patent.

Mr. DUBCHER MOUTON, K.C., has settled the Specifications of 26212-02 46960-03, which are the Patents under which the Company will work, and has advised that there is subject matter for valid Patents in these Specifications.

For prior specifications made by Mr. R. J. Urquhart, Chartered Patent Agent of Messrs. Urquhart and Bells, Manchester, and which were placed before Mr. Mouton before that gentleman gave his opinion, comprised the prior specifications approaching most closely to those above mentioned.

The Company will be entitled to the benefit of a Contract entered into by the above-named Syndicate with David Moseley and Sons (Limited), of Manchester, the well-known Pneumatic Tyre and India Rubber Manufacturers, for the manufacture of the Motor Tyre at competitive prices, and will thus secure the benefit of oil-established Works, Plant, etc. Under the Agreement the price to be charged by the Manufacturer to the Syndicate is to be at fair and reasonable market rates, and shall not exceed the prices at which, and the time for delivery shall not exceed the time at which, the Syndicate could obtain delivery of Tyres of equal quality elsewhere.

In addition to the above Contract, a Licence has been granted to David Moseley and Sons (Limited) for the manufacture and sale of the Tyre and all improvements therein, on a satisfactory Royalty, thus securing to the Company the advantage of this firm's extensive connection.

Under the Licence to David Moseley and Sons (Limited), they agree to use their best endeavours to extend the manufacture and sale of articles manufactured under the Patent.

An estimate of the probable profits has been made, based upon the cost of manufacture and the prices actually realized by the Sale of the Tyres. Taking into account the number of Motors in use in Great Britain, and assuming that this Company will supply, say, 5 per cent. of the Tyres required, the following is the result:—

Estimated gross profit per annum on Sales ..... £40,000

Deduct expenses of Management, Advertising, Rents, Rates, Taxes, etc., estimated at ..... 12,500

Leaving a net profit of ..... £27,500

To pay 10 per cent. on the Share Capital required, 15,000

Leaving for reserve and contingencies ..... £12,500

In the above estimate no account has been taken of profits to be derived from the Sale of the Company's Foreign Patents, the benefit of which goes to this Company.

The Company will take over the business free from liabilities.

The price payable by the Company for the property mentioned above is £110,000, plus the royalty payable under Contract No. 9 referred to in the Prospectus. Such sum of £110,000 (under Contract No. 12 therein referred to) is to be satisfied as to £25,000 in cash, and as to the balance at the option of the Company, either in cash or by the allotment to the Vendors of 35,500 fully-paid Shares of £1 each of the Company, or partly in cash and partly in such Shares.

The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is fixed by the Articles of Association at 10 per cent. of the Shares offered, but the Directors will not proceed to allotment unless at least 45,000 Shares are applied for.

The preliminary expenses, including Brokerage, are estimated at £5,000, of which £2,500 will be paid by the Company and the balance by the Vendor.

The present issue will, after satisfying the minimum cash consideration payable to the Vendors and the portion of the preliminary expenses above referred to, provide a minimum of about £10,000, which will be available for working capital and the general purposes of the Company.

Having regard to the advantages contracted made with the Manufacturers, David Moseley and Sons (Limited), the Directors are of opinion that this Company will be amply provided for the present.

This Prospectus contains particulars of contracts and other information to satisfy the requirements of the Companies Act, 1900.

Copies of the Articles of Association and of the Contracts may be inspected at the Office of the Solicitors of the Company at any time between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any day whilst the list remains open.

The Prospectus and Forms of Application can be obtained from the Bankers, Solicitors, and Brokers, and at the Office of the Company.

Dated July 21, 1905.

APPLICATION FOR PROSPECTUS.

To MOTOR PNEUMATIC TYRE COMPANY (LIMITED), 22, Colindale Street, London, E.C.

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Some American stores go so far as to provide shorthand-writers and typists to do customers' correspondence. In short, they do everything they can to attract custom by making their shops attractive as well as by taking up very large spaces in the newspapers with their detailed advertisements.

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The high-waisted coat on the right is a very smart one that has been made to be worn next week at Goodwood races. It is built of white taffetas, with a deep bordering of silk lace applique, mounted upon the silk, which is cut away beneath it, and is worn with a white dress to match, and white and pink marmalades in the white-plumed chip hat.

### ONE FALSE STEP.

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but had not seen her Banks informing him that his mistress, who was progressing most favourably, had not yet risen.

He was not dining at Devenish House, though Major Ruthven was. He would call on Queenie.

A man, with a battered straw-hat, swollen mouth, and blood-shot eyes, brushed past him in the crowd, rolling towards St. John's Wood Station; but this time Chester was too occupied with his thoughts to notice the fellow.

### CHAPTER XXIII.

Queenie was not expecting visitors. The dainty sitting-room was in a state of some disorder, a large open trunk occupying a prominent position. Attractive feminine wear and white piles of linen, foamy with lace, were here and there in evidence. Banks was packing for her mistress.

The dressing had been removed from Queenie's head; but the mark was still distinct when the sunny hair was brushed back.

She had engaged quiet rooms at Brighton, and was taking Banks with her. In the past, when she took a holiday, she had always indulged in the luxury of a fashionable hotel. The girl loved life and brightness, and was by nature inclined to be extravagant.

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But now she would have to economise. Every spare penny must be scraped together and put on one side for the paying off of her debt.

She already owed Hesper Mordaunt £200, and she desperately meditated borrowing another £200 at the first opportunity that presented itself.

This in itself was horrible enough; but still more horrible was the thought that she must make herself amiable to the man; that she must try to forget what had passed between them at that night-marish evening in the house at St. John's Wood. Yet he had shown some glimmering of a better nature, and had repented sincerely.

She pursed up her pretty, self-reliant mouth. The situation was not quite so intolerable as it might have been. At the same time, she knew that sooner or later he would begin to make love to her—had he not demanded to be granted another chance, and even if he made love to her after the fashion of an honourable man, his love-making would be none the less repugnant to her.

She knew that in borrowing money from Mordaunt she was playing with fire. But she must have the money to pay back her brother's shameful debt; she must set Frank free from his humiliating bondage.

She was the very soul of honour!

Yet there was one thought that was almost a source of secret joy to her. Frank had no inkling as to the real source whence the money came. She knew that he would have sooner died than touch a penny of her money. And she had completely deceived him. She had read this in his letter; she had read it in his bearing when last she saw him. He barely alluded to the subject, in his wish to spare her feelings.

Banks was in the act of placing a foamy pile of whiteness in the trunk, when the bell rang.

"Close down the lid, Banks," cried Queenie rather hastily. "I'm not at home to anyone."

"Mr. Mordaunt," said Banks on her return. "I told him you were not at home, Miss, and—er—he said he was quite sure you would be at home to him."

"No—"

But Hesper Mordaunt had not waited for an answer.

He swaggered into the room.

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